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**F.D.A.**

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Dear sirs,

It is time that the F.D.A. Finally prohibit the practice of forced molting since it has been scientifically proven that this practice causes disease by destroying the hens' immune system. Forced molting is therefore the mayor cause of infectious diseases in hens, eggs and ultimately egg consumers.

This is definitely a situation where cruelty to animals results in contamination and disease to humans. It is not enough for the F.D.A. To put bacteria warnings on cartons and to regulate egg refrigeration temperatures; the F.D.A. Has the jurisdiction to, and must **STOP FORCED MOLTING!**

Sincerely,

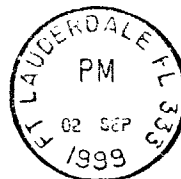
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